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Hello,

My name is Sean Holt-Carden. I am an open-source (<http://www.opensource.org>) software developer. Microsoft "claims" that they are the main contributors to Computer advancements made in the past couple of years...when in all actuality they are the main contributors to holding back the computer industry. The main reason for this is they are closed-source. They barely release any source code for their new, what they call, "technologies and software".

Then Microsoft goes as far as not supporting old hardware in order to "boost the computer sales industry". What about the people who can't afford to buy a new computer every year? They have to be left in the "dark" because Microsoft wants to "boost" the industry? That's not very fair in my opinion, and companies should NOT be allowed to make such actions. Yes, you can say the people who can't afford new computers don't have to buy the newest versions of Microsoft Windows, but then all of the software released by Microsoft REQUIRES the newest version of Windows. If these people don't have the newest version, they simply cannot use the newest software.

In my opinion SOMEBODY needs to step in here and make things right. If Microsoft is allowed to get away with all the bull they are pulling when will it stop? The longer they get away with it, the worse it is going to get. I read over, briefly, the "final judgement" which I found a link for on the Sun website (<http://java.sun.com>). In essence, this "final judgement" won't do anything except for spending tax-payers money uselessly. There are WAY too many loopholes in this agreement that, we all know, Microsoft will exploit and take advantage of. This agreement needs to be written stronger and Microsoft needs to be given heftier penalties in the occurrence that they violate said agreement. Also, the "Technical committee" must be knowledgeable of what the source-code they look at actually means, and they must be unbiased in this whole scituation. If they aren't knowledgeable in this manner, it's pointless to appoint such a committee to monitor Microsoft seeing they don't know what they're looking at. This would also be a waste of tax-payers money.

Thank you for your time,  
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